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The present issue is a week late. Who cares?

If any of my readers know Hal Naus and/or play in any of his games, his magazines - ADAG and the rest - will be temporarily run by Grendel Press.

Hal's wife Yvonne, one of my wife's best friends and one of my favorite people, died very suddenly on Wednesday the 12th of April. My deepest sympathy goes to Hal and his family.

Game 1971-BA - Fall 1904

AUSTRIA (Manogg): MR. a bud, a vie (h).

ENGLAND (Barrows): f nth-nwy. f nwg (s) nth-nwy. f ec-nth.

FRANCE (Poery): a bel (s) bur. a bur (s) bel. a mar (s) bur.

f glyo-tyn. f spa sc - mid. f mid-bre.

GERMANY (Just): MR. a's kie, ruh, mun, sil; f helg (h).

ITALY (Walker): a tyo (s) ger mun. a tri (s) aus bud. f apu-ion.
f ion-emed. f tun (s) apu-ion.

RUSSIA (Ward): a nwy (h). a den (h). a gal-war. a rum (s) tur bul-
ser. f sev (h). f bal (s) den. f bar (s) nwy.

TURKEY (Ver Ploeg): a bul-ser. a ser-alb. f smy-omed. f aeg (s)
smy-omed. f bla (h). f gre (s) scr-alb.

No retreats. Dan Barrows has resigned and is replaced by Payton Turpin, Box 6560, La Jolla, CA. 92037. Standby moves for Germany are asked from Peter Weber, 417 E. Hatcher, #2, Phoenix, AZ. 85020.

As to builds, Germany and Russia have traded Denmark. No other changes. Germany removes one, Russia builds one. These actions are due on Saturday, 29 April 1972, 12 noon. (Note 2-week interval.)

All press is being withheld.

This issue will not count against subscriptions.

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All readers - players and cubbers - please read this carefully.

In the opinion of your publisher, the K.S5 experiment is a flop. (A well-intended flop, to be sure, but a flop.) The press quality is virtually disintegrated, Barrows has lost interest and resigned, Just has lost interest but hasn't had the courtesy to resign, and the others are languishing.

I therefore propose the following action:

1. Since the purpose of the no-elimination "Gentleman's Agreement" was to keep the press going, and since said press has withered and shows no promise of return, I suggest the Agreement be rescinded.

2. Since this magazine as an independent entity is a waste, having lost whatever uniqueness it ever possessed, I suggest that the magazine be scrapped and the game continued through COSTAGUANA.

On point one, only players may vote, and a unanimous vote of those responding is required. (Turpin and Webor are not eligible to ballot.) On point two, all readers may vote (and are encouraged to do so), and a majority rules.

Please return the following ballot or a facsimile thereof:

1. I FAVOR DROPPING THE "AGREEMENT." Yes No
(Ward, Walker, Marogg, Just, Poetry, Van Ploeg only.)

2. I FAVOR CANCELLING K.S5 AND MERGING IT WITH COSTA. Yes No

3. MY SUBSCRIBERS CHOOSE:

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2. Applied to a subscription to SAGUNAY. ***
3. Refunded in postage stamps.

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PLEASE RESPOND A.S.A.P.